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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA- MEETING OF WORKING GROUP FOR FRIENDLY
RESOLUTION ON KOREA, NOVEMBER 17

REF: (A) USUN 5978; (B) USUN 5996

1. WORKING GROUP (WG) ON PROCEDURAL TACTICS FOR FRIENDLY
RESOLUTION ON KOREA (US, UK, NEW ZEALAND, CANADA, FRANCE, JAPAN,
NETHERLANDS, REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK)) MET NOVEMBER 17 AT ROK
MISSION. WG CONSIDERED LOBBYING AND TACTICS IN CONNECTION
SCHEDULED PLENARY CONSIDERATION AND VOTING ON KOREA AFTERNOON OF
NOVEMBER 18.

2. FOLLOWING NEW YORK LOBBYING ASSIGNMENTS DECIDED; CANADA TO
ASK AUSTRALIA TO URGE MALDIVES TO VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION;
CANADA TO ASK NIGERIA FOR ABSTENTIONS; NEW ZEALAND TO URGE SWEDEN
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TO VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION; NEW ZEALAND TO ASK FIJI TO

VOTE IN FAVOR OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION; AND FRANCE TO URGE IVORY COAST TO VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

3. AUSTRALIA, FRANCE, US AND UK EXPECT TO SPEAK BEFORE THE VOTING AND JAPAN AFTER THE VOTING. ROK PLANS TO ISSUE STATEMENT AFTER VOTING. IN THEIR INTERVENTIONS, UK AND JAPAN MAY ALLUDE TO GROUP OF 13" ATTEMPTS AT CONCILIATION, REGRETTING THAT THESE EFFORTS NOT SUCCESSFUL.

4. CANADA REPORTED AUSTRALIANS SAYING "GROUP OF 13" APPEAL ABANDONED IN FACE TOTAL NORTH KOREAN OPPOSITION. AUSTRALIANS HAD REPORTEDLY ATTENDED "GROUP OF 13" MEETING WHERE THIS DECISION TAKEN. THIS CONFIRMS REPORT IN REF B.

5. WG RECOMMENDED THAT FRIENDLY SIDE OPPOSE MOTION FROM FLOOR TO HAVE BOTH RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE. USUN WILL ASK COSTA RICA TO SPEAK FOR OUR SIDE SHOULD THIS CONTINGENCY ARISE.

Y. IF FRIENDLY RESOLUTIONS PRIORITY CHALLENGED, WG AGREED THAT NETHERLANDS AND LIBERIA SHOULD SPEAK FOR OUR SIDE.

7. WG AGREED THAT JAPAN SHOULD ASK FOR RECODED VOTES ON THE RESOLUTIONS. WG NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT HOSTILE SIDE WILL PROBABLY REQUEST ROLL-CALL VOTES.

8. WG AGAIN CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY THAT THIRD PARTY MIGHT MOVE TO HAVE PLENARY DECIDE THAT THE RESOLUTIONS REPRESENT "IMPORTANT QUESTIONS". MOST OF WG CONCLUDED THAT IF LEGAL COUNSEL GIVES AN OPINION THAT RESOLUTIONS REPRESENT "IMPORTANT QUESTIONS" LEGAL COUNSEL'S VIEWS SHOULD BE SUPPORTED PROVIDED THAT MOTION RELATES TO BOTH RESOLUTIONS. JAPAN, HOWEVER, INDICATED THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY NEED TO ABSTAIN ON ANY "IMPORTANT QUESTION" MOTION. NETHERLANDS AGREED TO APPROACH LUXEMBOURG'S MISSION TO ASK IF UNGA PRESIDENT THORN HAS RAISED "IMPORTANT QUESTION" SUBJECT WITH UNGA VICE PRESIDENT DRISS (TUNISIA), WHO, WE UNDERSTAND, WILL CHAIR UNGA SESSION ON KOREA. UK AGREED, IN THE EVENT OF A MOTION TO DECIDE RESOLUTIONS TO BE "IMPORTANT QUESTION", TO ASK THE CHAIR FOR THE UN LEGAL COUNSEL'S VIEW AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE RESOLUTIONS REPRESENT "IMPORTANT CONFIDENTIAL

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QUESTIONS."

9. WG RECOMMENDED THAT, IN THE EVENT OF A BLOCKING MOTION AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION, ABSTENTION IS PROBABLY THE WISEST COURSE UNLESS IT DEVELOPS THAT MOTION STEMS FROM LARGE GROUP OF NEUTRALS. US, AS FLOOR MANAGER, WILL ATTEMPT DETERMINE OUTSIDE SUPPORT FOR ANY SUCH MOVE IN ORDER TO ADVISE THOSE WHO WUPPORT OUR RESOLUTION.

10. ROK RECOMMENDED AGAINST PARAGRAPH-BY PARAGRAPH VOTE ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION. ROK REASONED THAT POSSIBLE ELIMINATION OF OBNOXIOUS OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION WHICH CALLS ON "REAL PARTIES" (I.E. ONLY US AND NORTH KOREA) TO REPLACE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WITH PEACE AGREEMENT MIGHT HEIGHTEN SUPPORT FOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION. THUS, RESOLUTION WITH ITS TWO REMAINING OFFENSIVE OPERATIONAL PARAGRAPHS MIGHT PASS BY LARGER MARGIN THAN RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE IF LEFT INTACT.
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